

HOUSE BILL No. 1117

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 4-33-4-3.

Synopsis: Voluntary exclusion program. Provides that the personal information of a participant in a voluntary exclusion program may be disseminated to the owner or operator of a facility under the jurisdiction of the gaming commission and to other entities upon request by the participant.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-33-4-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.143-2003,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall do the following:

4 (1) Adopt rules that the commission determines necessary to
5 protect or enhance the following:

6 (A) The credibility and integrity of gambling operations
7 authorized by this article.

8 (B) The regulatory process provided in this article.

9 (2) Conduct all hearings concerning civil violations of this article.

10 (3) Provide for the establishment and collection of license fees
11 and taxes imposed under this article.

12 (4) Deposit the license fees and taxes in the state gaming fund
13 established by IC 4-33-13.

14 (5) Levy and collect penalties for noncriminal violations of this
15 article.

16 (6) Deposit the penalties in the state gaming fund established by
17 IC 4-33-13.



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(7) Be present through the commission's inspectors and agents during the time gambling operations are conducted on a riverboat to do the following:

(A) Certify the revenue received by a riverboat.

(B) Receive complaints from the public.

(C) Conduct other investigations into the conduct of the gambling games and the maintenance of the equipment that the commission considers necessary and proper.

(8) Adopt emergency rules under IC 4-22-2-37.1 if the commission determines that:

(A) the need for a rule is so immediate and substantial that rulemaking procedures under IC 4-22-2-13 through IC 4-22-2-36 are inadequate to address the need; and

(B) an emergency rule is likely to address the need.

(9) Adopt rules to establish and implement a voluntary exclusion program that meets the requirements of subsection (c).

(b) The commission shall begin rulemaking procedures under IC 4-22-2-13 through IC 4-22-2-36 to adopt an emergency rule adopted under subsection (a)(8) not later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of the emergency rule under subsection (a)(8).

(c) Rules adopted under subsection (a)(9) must provide the following:

(1) Except as provided by rule of the commission, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program agrees to refrain from entering a riverboat or other facility under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(2) That the name of a person participating in the program will be included on a list of persons excluded from all facilities under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(3) Except as provided by rule of the commission, a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program may not petition the commission for readmittance to a facility under the jurisdiction of the commission.

(4) That the list of patrons entering the voluntary exclusion program **is and the personal information of the participants are** confidential and may only be disseminated by the commission to the owner **or operator** of a facility under the jurisdiction of the commission for purposes of enforcement **and to other entities, upon request by the participant and agreement by the commission.**

~~(5) That the personal information of a person who participates in the voluntary exclusion program is confidential.~~

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1 ~~(6)~~ (5) That an owner of a facility under the jurisdiction of the
2 commission shall make all reasonable attempts as determined by
3 the commission to cease all direct marketing efforts to a person
4 participating in the program.
5 ~~(7)~~ (6) That an owner of a facility under the jurisdiction of the
6 commission may not cash the check of a person participating in
7 the program or extend credit to the person in any manner.
8 However, the voluntary exclusion program does not preclude an
9 owner from seeking the payment of a debt accrued by a person
10 before entering the program.

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